



Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO)¹ Board of Directors Minutes

Held: Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

The CTIO meeting was broadcast on YouTube Live. A recording of the meeting is available [here](#) for six months after the meeting. After that time, they will be archived.

The regular meeting of the CTIO Board of Directors was convened in accordance with applicable statutes of the State of Colorado, with the following Directors present:

- Cecil Gutierrez, Chair (in-person).
- Nellie Moran, Vice-Chair (remote).
- Shelly Cook (in-person).
- Terry Hart (in-person).

Roll Call Regular Meeting

All board members, with the exception of Director Canonico and Director Sacripanti, were present. The meeting began at 11:01 a.m.

Public Comment

The CTIO Board did not receive any public comment. However, Chair Gutierrez noted that the Transportation Commission (TC) had received public comments regarding the Central 70 Express Lanes' ingress and egress points.

Comments from Directors

There were no comments from CTIO Directors.

Director's Report

¹ The High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) is now doing business as the Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO). CTIO is how the enterprise will refer to itself now and in the future, however, the HPTE name is retained for legislative and legal documents. publicMetropolitan,addedten-year

CTIO Director, Piper Darlington, provided the Director's Report, which included information on the following:

- Mini board retreats: a survey has been circulated to the board on possible dates in July, September, and October for mini retreats to cover topics that require more time than regular board meetings can accommodate.
- Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) request: a meeting with PPACG staff is scheduled for later this month to discuss the traffic and revenue study they have requested, and that has been discussed previously with the board.
- Staffing update: applications for a new maintenance technician have been received, and interviews will be set up soon. An operations manager for the Express Lanes team has been hired.

Consent Agenda

ACTION: Upon a motion by Director Hart, seconded by Director Cook, a vote was held, and Resolution #497, May 20th, 2026, minutes, was unanimously approved.

Communications Update

Tim Hoover, Deputy Director of Communications at CDOT, presented to the board on communications and outreach efforts. The presentation included information on the following:

- A look back at 2025
 - Market-wide Enforcement
 - Grassroots communications efforts
 - Additional outreach
 - Total impressions
- I-25: Berthoud to Fort Collins tolling start and Safety and Toll Enforcement Program (STEP) rollout
 - Campaign timeline
 - Earned media
 - Paid media
- Q1 2026 STEP Report
 - Daily mailed violations
 - June - December 2026 outreach
 - Multi-Year goal
 - 2026 media plan framework
 - Tactics - paid media
 - Tactics - grassroots

Discussion:

- CTIO board members and staff discussed:
 - How members of the public from outside the Denver metro area are targeted so they will understand the Express Lanes rules and how to avoid a fine. CTIO staff agreed to look into data on the percentage of outreach that reaches this group to consider whether and how to adjust.
 - How rental car companies deal with STEP fines and whether users can rent a transponder for a fee.
 - Budget for communications and outreach.

Toll Rate Adjustment Approval

Nathaniel Benton, CTIO Toll Systems Specialist, presented to the board on the annual toll rate adjustments for all Express Lanes. The presentation included information on the following:

- Overview of the revised toll rate adjustment
- Speed degradation and dynamic pricing
- Proposed CTIO-specific toll index
- Next steps

Discussion

- CTIO board members expressed appreciation to the staff for reducing the toll rate adjustment percentage and conducting a thorough review of the process and factors for these types of changes in the future.

Fiscal Year 2026-27 First Budget Amendment

Meredith Moon, Deputy Director, and Sam Foster, Budget and Policy Analyst, presented the budget amendment to the board, which included information on the following:

- Central Services Cost Allocation Plan
- Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) Feasibility Analysis
- Courtesy Patrol Sponsorship
- Joint Service Initial Design
- Granby Layover Facility

Discussion

- CTIO board members, CTIO, and CDOT staff discussed:
 - The reason for the increase in budget required for the Granby Layover Facility.
 - How CTIO staff allocate funding to reserve accounts to ensure financing is available for long-term operations and maintenance costs.

Adjournment

The CTIO Board adjourned at 11:57 a.m.